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## Landscape Advisory Committee

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**Minutes of Meeting Held October 16, 2019**  
**900 S. Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716**

**Members Present:** Katie Gannon, Jackie Lyle, Laura Mielcarek, Deborah Munoz-Chacon, Flor Sandoval, Nick Shipley

**Members Absent:** Ron van Ommeren

**Guests/Staff Present:** Parker Filer, Pima County Cooperative Extension; Rebeca Field, Kimley-Horn; David Marhafka, TDOT; GeeGee Larrington, Toxin Free Pima County; Patrick Hartley, TDOT Complete Streets Manager; Mindy Blake, RTA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by L.Mielcarek

2. Minutes for Approval

- Sept 18, 2019 minutes: discussion; no changes
- Motion by K.Gannon to accept minutes, second by D.Munoz; approved – yes=6; no=0; abstain=0.

3. New Discussion

- A. TDOT Complete Street Program: presentation by Patrick Hartley; update of implementation of policy since February adoption by Mayor & Council; overview; integrated across departments; LSA was championing efforts with community support; built around guiding principles – safety, equity, vitality, accessibility; accommodate all users; no one size fits all; emphasize and prioritize safety – pedestrian first approach; policy implementation – 14 point implementation plan that guides how TDOT working; did hire Complete Streets Manager; establishing a coordinating council (BCC) – 17 residents + 3 agency reps; implement Mobility Master Plan; new city body – technical review committee (TRC) comprised of Directors of departments – meet quarterly; Mobility Master Plan (MMP) – pull all plans together for prioritizing next 25 years of capitol improvements; Alta Planning & Design consultant hired for MMP; developing Complete Streets Design Manual – Jan 2020 may have something out for review; a few illustrations of design practice goals and potential design approaches; ; looking at new intersection designs (Grant/Alvernon); Quick-Build project = roll out quickly and inexpensively for demonstration;
- Discussion: Catlow Shippek on CC to fill in landscape/tree aspects; David Marhafka will also be involved; Design Manual will have landscape incorporated, but will not be technically specific; acknowledge there may be constraints and what is overall intent of corridors; elevated bike lanes being explored, look at ‘barn dance’ pedestrian crosswalk as in Prescott; where are funds coming from for new positions – filling vacant positions, not bond funds; Valencia/Kolb parkway intersection - ?first in Arizona-maybe in country – seems to be working great; seed mix is working great
- B. What’s Next for RTA: presentation by Mindy Blake: Mindy Blake discussed the next phase of the RTA; an RTA committee has been formed; encouraged the LAC to submit their email to receive RTA updates; there will be several public events to attend and encouraged everyone to attend and give comments

4. Old Discussion

A. LAC subcommittee Updates:

- Plants (Jackie, Nick, Ron) – ADWR plant list?
- Policy/Education - none

- Parks/Maintenance – none

B. IPM & Community Landscape Maintenance Update- none

5. Staff reports: none
6. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events: none
7. Call to Audience: none
8. Future Agenda Items: none
9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm